

There was an old fellow named Noah,
Who was so darn glad to reach Noah's
That he drank, native wine
And that evening at nine
He gazed at a big purple bun!



Hearing Every Man Who Prays and Pleasing All Is Vain-- Baseball Men Want Sunny Days and Farmers Pray for Rain



So players should never touch wine
So long as they're aiming to shine
In the field or at bat,
For evidence like that
Is seldom enhanced by a stain.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE FINISH; SEVENTH WINS 1918 PENNANT

Soldiers Beat Bakers in Final Game When Steele Hits the Ball Over the Fence With One Man on Base; The Gomez Tribe Wins From Clerks in Ten Innings; Feldmans Take Windup Game From Kracks.

BY "BECK."

COMMERCIAL league baseball for 1918 is a thing of the past. Theoretically, the 1918 pennant flutters itself to the breeze from the flagpole of the Seventh Infantry. As a matter of fact, the pennant hasn't been made yet, but the fans needn't worry about that. By defeating the Purities, 2 to 0, on Sunday afternoon, the Seventh put the old pennant in the vaults for the winter season. There will, of course, be considerable exhibition baseball yet and also the Army Interstate league, but the fans will no longer need to compare the respective merits of the bakers and soldiers. League secretary L. M. Coyne and the sport writers disposed of several milk chocolates at a local drugstore, Sunday afternoon, in celebration of the close of the season.

There was pep to spare in the Purities-Seventh contest, the first on the afternoon bill. The fielding was fast and some of the plays were sensational. Three double plays were featured. Steele's homer, following a pass to Martin, spelled victory for the soldiers in the fourth inning. Except for that inning, Weiss pitched a tight ball, while Jimmy York was tight throughout the game. The hillside wonders went without a hit for six and two-thirds innings and then Brown deprived F. Mesa, of what would have been a hitless contest. Incidentally, the hit resulted in Everybodies getting on an even basis with the Gomez tribe and it took three more innings before the Mexicans came out on top, 5 to 2. The game proved a real battle. What the clerks couldn't get through hits, they got by errors.

Feldmans figured to have a fairly easy time winning from the Krackjacks in the closing game of the day and season. However, good work on the mound by Korosel held the photographers fairly well in hand, though "Doc" McCamant had his full strength crew on the job. Graham pitched a fine game and also starred with the stick, driving in two runs with a triple. The Feldmans won, 3 to 1.

MORNING CONTEST GOES LONG ROUTE

When the morning game was called, Don Juan Gomez had just pitched half a game out at Rio Grande park. Juan is a good sport, however, and announced that "J. Gomez" would play right field. As a consequence, the return manager got his name into the box score, though Marquez showed up just as Gomez was getting ready to distinguish himself in the closing half of the first inning. Juan was rightfielder for a half inning, however.

Gomez sent Francisco Mesa to the mound to pitch against the Everybodies. Mesa is an outfielder, but pitched some pretty good games last season. He showed Sunday that he still has something on the ball. For five innings, the Everybodies failed to knock the ball out of the infield. In the sixth, they drove out two high ones in succession and Chapparo dropped both. An error by Medina aided the Chapparo efforts in giving the clerks two runs.

Errors Figure in Scores. Paul Fisher was back on duty with the clerks. Paul was almost as good as Mesa. Medina's single, a wild pitch, and Marquez's double gave the Mexicans their first run off Fisher, while, in the sixth, they were rewarded with two more tallies by three errors and a wild pitch.

There were two gone in the last of the seventh, with no hits off Mesa for the game, when Gillette lifted one to Marquez and the bumpy outfielder jumped the ball. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that only three balls were lifted to the outfield off Mesa or Soto and every one was dropped. Gillette went to second on a passed ball. Seymour walked and Brown then came along with a hit over second, driving Gillette home with the run that tied the score.

The fans had started to leave. Paul Fisher was so sure the game was over that he had his baseball shoes off. But there was a rush back to the stands by the fans and Fisher got busy again. Brown fanned for the third time and the clerks were merely eaten with the Mexicans.

Sota Repulses Mesa. Then came the Mesa-Mexican game. The first two men to face him in the eighth and then his arm began to bother him so he traded positions with Pablo Soto, who retired Bunsen. Mesa got on base through a hit in the ninth but died on a throw to first base. Three successive singles and a sacrifice fly then gave the Mexicans two runs in the first half of the tenth and that ended affairs for Sota again. Seven men retired in order. Seven men retired in order. Sota got to first base. One feature of the game was the large number of chances handled by Brown, at second, for the clerks. He had one potshot, 11 assists and one error, a total of 12 chances. Two of his stops were really sensational. The box score:

Waltz..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Chapparo, cf. 2h..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Carpis, cf. 2h..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Medina, 2b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Chacon, c..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
J. Gomez, rf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Marquez, cf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
L. Gomez, 1b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
S. Mesa, 2b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
P. Mesa, p..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals..... 11 5 30 30 3 0
Everybodies..... 41 5 30 30 3 0
Seymour, 2b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Brown, 1b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Bunsen, cf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Fisher, p..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
H. Hunter, 2b..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Bunsen, cf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Cunningham, cf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Lawrence, c..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Gillette, rf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals..... 26 3 30 30 3 0
Waltz..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Hills..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Everybodies..... 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Sota 2-3. Fisher 1h. earned runs, off Fisher 1. Hits, off Mesa 1; two base hit, Marquez; stolen base, Chapparo; sacrifice fly, Marquez; struck out by P. Mesa 11; by Sota 2; by Fisher 4; first base on balls, off P. Mesa 2; off Fisher 1; hit by pitched ball, off P. Mesa 1; first base on errors, Waltz 2; Everybodies 1; left on bases, Waltz 4; Everybodies 4; with runners, Fisher 2; passed balls, Chacon 2; time of game, 1:22; umpire, Lewis.

Summary—Innings pitched by Mesa 2-5. Sota 2-3. Fisher 1h. earned runs, off Fisher 1. Hits, off Mesa 1; two base hit, Marquez; stolen base, Chapparo; sacrifice fly, Marquez; struck out by P. Mesa 11; by Sota 2; by Fisher 4; first base on balls, off P. Mesa 2; off Fisher 1; hit by pitched ball, off P. Mesa 1; first base on errors, Waltz 2; Everybodies 1; left on bases, Waltz 4; Everybodies 4; with runners, Fisher 2; passed balls, Chacon 2; time of game, 1:22; umpire, Lewis.

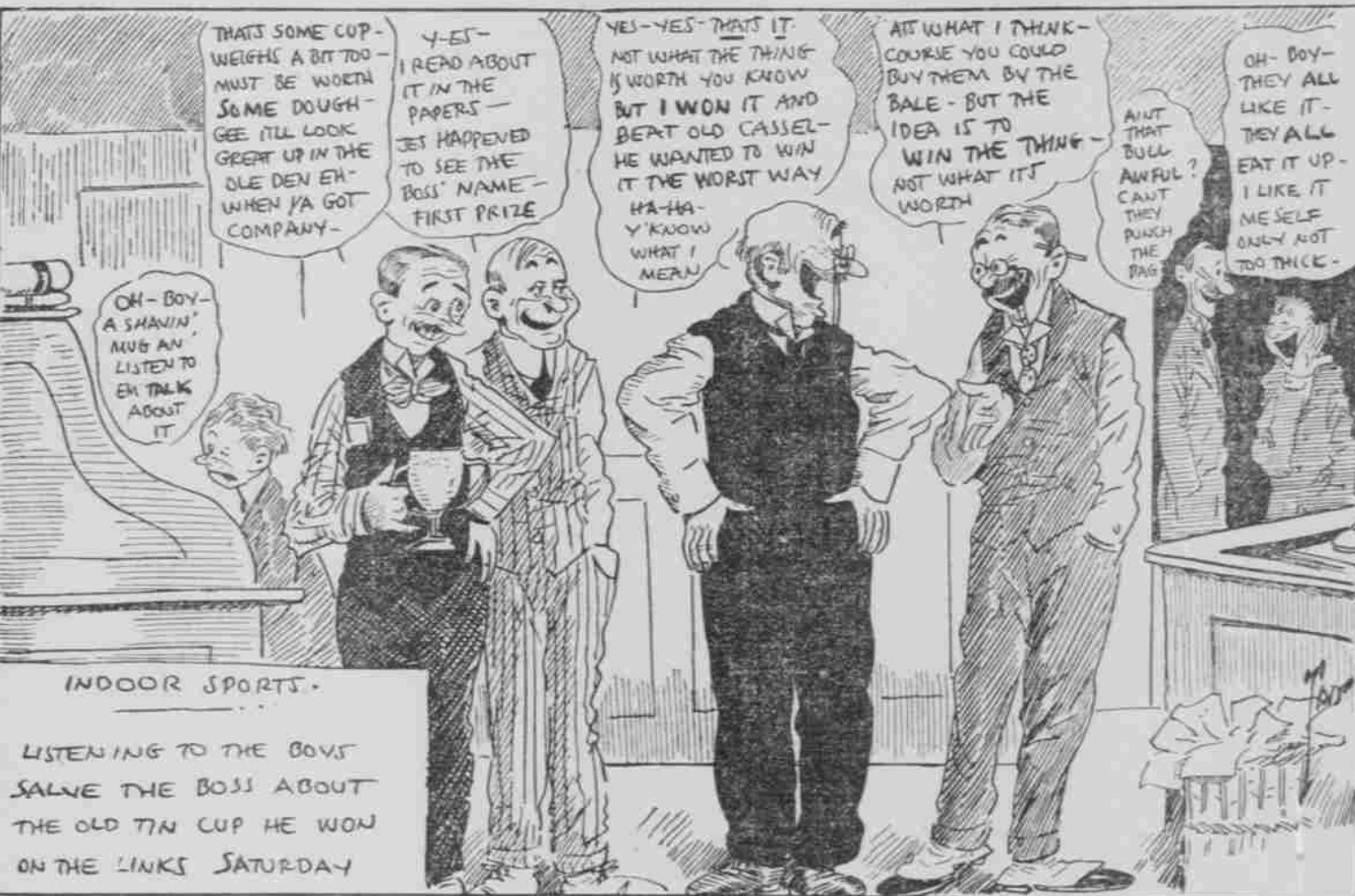
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Doping The World's Series

Players Show Surprising Differences When Pitted Against Various Teams

Duffy Lewis, Hero of World's Series Last Fall, Does Not Appear Strong Against National League Teams; Freaks of Baseball Are Disclosed By Figures.
BY HUGH S. FULLERTON.

DOPE reveals more strange things than one ever dreamed of, and the first study through the comparison of the teams that are fighting for the world's series gave me a twister. Honestly, I never before imagined that it made so much difference in a ball player to figure him against special teams. We know, of course, that a certain player hits pitchers of one club better than he does those of another, but to discover that the defensive value of a player—also is affected by the work of the team against which he plays surprised me.

It may sound odd, too, that Duffy Lewis, the hero of the world's series of last fall, does not do so well as a strong ball player against the National League teams as he does against his rivals. You may be astonished to find that Sherry Magee, who is hitting way down in the 25th class, is a better ball player against the Red Sox than would be Zack Wheat, who is hitting nearly 100 points. These things are the freaks of baseball.

Several Clubs To Be Dropped. We shall be able to drop two or three clubs out of the sample base. Furthermore, we can carry forward the totals, and when we come down to the final reckoning, we can drop the teams which statistics and show which team ought to win.

In studying these figures, we have a lot to contend with. Offhand, one looking at the figures for this season would, for instance, declare Whitely a more dangerous pitcher than Lewis. Whitely is hitting up close to 300 while under Stallings he is lucky to hit 240. That shows the effect of managerial generalship upon players.

The Difference Moran is a great leader of men in that they all love and respect him, and work their heads off for him because they do. Stallings' players are devotedly loyal to their fighting leader because he is a great leader of men and fights for them. Stallings is a general skilful in attack, resourceful and planning for runs, and caring nothing for hits. Moran is a defensive general, planning to keep the other fellow from scoring by his use of pitchers, and not overly skilful in hitting. Allow Magee to go out and swing as he pleases, and he is a near 200 hitter. Make him hit to orders and hit at balls that will help along base runners or tend to weary opposing pitchers, and he is weakened immediately.

How Lewis Would Differ. Lewis, of course, would be immensely strong, if the Red Sox and Phils should again conquer their league and play off for the world's title. The moral effect of what he did last fall when, by his batting, he won at least three of the four games his team captured, would be tremendous. He would not hit as well against Brooklyn's pitching staff as he would against the Phils' even admitting that the Phils have a stronger pitching staff.

Whitely, I think, a near average ball player who is not usually rated as such. He has brains, he is a capable assistant general under Moran, and besides that, a very effective man at the bat. What is rather a puzzle is how he can have the effect of a near 200 hitter and never has been, perhaps because in the past he has been with League teams. Now, when he is not a good physical player, he is a good physical player. He has kept hitting, hitting alone has made him look a much better ball player than we had come to rate him.

Where Joe Jackson Stands. Jackson, of Chicago, averages better than either Lewis or Phils should, studied against all three of the teams. This fellow is not a good ball player, even if he hits 500. He is erratic, moody and not a player for his team. True, he has worked better and harder and with less selfishness this year than he has in the past. He has contributed largely to Rowland's efforts. Mechanically, he is one of the best ball players but that lets him out. The thinking part of the game is unknown to him. What he would do in a world's series is a big guess. He might break loose and wreck the

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